

Subject: MS Assistantship in xerohydric flatwoods at Murray State

Graduate research assistantship available toward a MS in Watershed Science through the Watershed Studies Institute (WSI) at Murray State University with Paul Gagnon (https://www.murraystate.edu/wsi/wsi_faculty.cfm). The position examines ecological and edaphic controls of species composition in post oak flatwoods of xerohydric wetlands. Stipend is \$12,000 per year with opportunity to apply for additional funding in second year; complementary room can be arranged for the student at Hancock Biological Station on Kentucky Lake. Includes the opportunity to work closely with USFWS and NRCS professionals. Position begins August 15, 2016, by which time applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree in biology or a related field and have demonstrated interest in field-based and/or quantitative ecological research. To apply, combine the following into a single PDF file and send as an email attachment to <pgagnon@murraystate.edu> by May 27, 2016 with the subject titled "Graduate Research Position": 1) a combined letter of introduction and essay not to exceed 2-pages summarizing your relevant background, experience, career goals, and interest in this position, 2) resume/CV, 3) unofficial transcript, 4) 3 academic references, 5) test scores from the GRE.